



Senior Moments at Baca

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Round Rock Parks and Recreation

Mission: People dedicated & empowered to create a positive and memorable experience in people's lives.

Vision: An active, vibrant & beautiful city with a diversified and quality parks and recreation system that produces economic, health, & social benefits for the entire community.

Masquerade Ball

Unmask the Night

Master the mystery and Unmask the Night at the Baca Center's first annual Masquerade Ball set for Fri., Dec. 4, from 6-10 pm. This lavish, semi-formal event promises to be the gala to end all galas themed around the spectacular Venetian Masquerade Balls of days gone by. Slated as a fundraiser and sponsored by Horizon Bay Retirement Living and Senior Helpers, the event will include a sit down dinner, live music by "The Lawmen", dancing, adult beverages, a champagne toast, costume contest and more. Volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol will serve as hosts, servers and dance partners. Most certainly an unforgettable evening guaranteed to be filled with fun, excitement, enchantment and intrigue. Tickets are on sale Nov. 2—Dec. 1, members—\$8, non-members—\$13. **NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER DEC. 1ST! NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!**



Mask Making Workshops: The Baca Center will be hosting two mask making workshops to assist those needing help with their masquerade. Workshops are free to Baca members. We will provide undecorated masks and all sorts of items to decorate with. Please feel free and we encourage you to bring your own ribbons, beads, sequins, feathers, glitter, special skills or anything else to share. Please sign up in advance if you plan to attend one of these workshops.

Dec. 1 – 9:30-11:30 am

*Dec. 2 – 10:30-12:30 pm

*Horizon Bay Retirement Living will be conducting a special presentation showcasing their facility at the Dec. 2 workshop.

Wellness Corner—Group Workouts

The Baca Center is offering group workouts on a year-round basis. The program will focus on stamina, toning and healthy eating.

Cost will be \$8/month for members and \$13/month for non-members. Program runs September-December, January-May and June-August. The

ladies workout on Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 am and the men on Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 am and then coed classes each Tuesday or Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm. Classes are in the weight room.

This is a great group workout with a motivational atmosphere for all fitness levels.

Baca Weekly Ongoing Activities

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
9:00 am Jazzercise*	9:00am-10:00am Cardio Combo	9:00 am Jazzercise*	9:00am-10:00am Cardio Combo	9:00am-10:00am Intro to Tai Chi Jazzercise*
9:30am-11:30am Pool Sharkettes	10:00am-2:00pm Craft Corner	10:00am-11:30am Chicken Foot	10:30am-11:00am Sittercize	10:00am-11:00pm Tai Chi
10:15am-11:15am Beg. Line Dancing	10:30am-11:00am Sittercize	10:30am-11:00am Sittercize	12:30pm-1:30pm Spanish for Fun	10:00am-11:30am Bingo
10:30am-11:00am Sittercize	11:00am-1:00pm Line Dance Practice	11:00am-1:00pm Line Dance Practice	12:45-4:00 pm Bridge Fun Hand/Foot Canasta	1:00pm-2:30pm Sing Along
11:15am-12:15pm Int. Line Dancing	12:30pm-4:00pm Pinochle Texas Canasta	12:30pm-3:30pm Dominoes "42"	1:00pm-4:00pm Canasta Club	*NOT a BACA program—fees required to participate.
12:15pm-1:15pm Adv. Line Dancing	12:45pm-4:00pm Hand/Foot Canasta	1:00pm-3:00pm Painting Day <i>Does not meet on 3rd Wed. of the month</i>	1:00pm-2:30pm Tap Dancing	
12:30pm-3:30pm Dominoes "42"	1:00pm-2:00pm Computer Help	5:15 & 6:15pm Jazzercise*	1:00-2:00pm Computer Help	
1:00pm-5:00pm Duplicate Bridge Canasta	6:15pm Jazzercise*		1:00pm-3:00pm Tejano Time	
5:15 & 6:15pm Jazzercise*	7:00pm-8:45pm Evening Bridge		6:15pm Jazzercise*	

Please be sure your program ends ON-TIME so staff can prepare for the next program
or secure the building for closing.

Monthly Meetings and Activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
Art Club	1st & 3rd Friday	1:00-3:00pm
AARP - general meeting	2nd Wednesday	1:00-2:00pm
AARP - board meeting	3rd Wednesday	1:00-3:00pm
Benefits Counseling	1st Wednesday	9:00-11:00am
Bunco	1st & 3rd Tuesday	6:30-9:00pm
Cuisine Critics	3rd Wednesday	11:00am-1:00pm
Daffodil Dolls	1st Wednesday	10:30-11:30am
Garden Club	1st Monday	9:30-10:30am
Book Discussion	2nd Tuesday	1:00-2:00pm
Pub Club	3rd Friday	5:00-11:00pm
Site Council	1st Thursday	9:30-10:30am
Texas Hold'em	2nd Tuesday	6:00-8:00pm
Travel Club—Nov/Jan	1st Wednesday	1:00-2:00pm
Wii Activities	4th Friday	8:30-10:00am

Williamson Burnet County Opportunities (WBCO)

WBCO offers a well-balanced lunch Mon-Fri at 11:45am. Registration and 24 hour advance reservation is recommended by contacting Cris at 255-4970. At this time WBCO is NOT accepting new members, however you can get on the waitlist. Meals are \$6 for those that are not members of WBCO.

Menu is available online at:

**[http://www.wbco.net/
services_meals.html](http://www.wbco.net/services_meals.html)**

Menu is subject to change without notice.

255-4970

Activity Descriptions

AARP: "AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all as we age. We lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy and service." Membership is open to persons age 50+. Must be a member of the National Chapter to be a member of the local one.

Art Club: The club includes artists of all media such as oil, acrylic, pen and ink as well as watercolor. New artists welcome!

Benefits Counseling: Visit with Nancy Kind to get information on Medicare, prescription plans, Medicaid and food stamps.

Bingo: BINGO! Come play bingo with us. \$2.

Book Discussions: Participants discuss short readings in fiction, drama, poetry, and essays. Contact helensmith204@gmail.com for more information.

Bunco: Knowledge of the game is optional but having a good time is mandatory! Bring a finger food to share with the group. Fee covers the cost of the prizes. \$3/members*.

Computer Basics: A computer class to learn computer operation, e-mail, internet, and more. Each class is six weeks in length.

Craft Corner: Come get crafty with us! This class makes all different kinds of crafts.

Cuisine Critics: Group visits local restaurants and writes a review for the newsletter.

Daffodil Dolls: This is a group of ladies that will gather for fun and fellowship.

Jazzercise: For fees and information, call Kathie at 244-2534.

Line Dancing: Classes offered for all levels. \$3/members*.

Line Dancing Practice: Self led practice for line dancing. Free to members, non-members pay walk-in fee.

Painting Day: All kinds of artists can come, paint and enjoy each other's company.

Pool Sharks: Men's group meets Tuesdays & Thursdays for some great times shooting pool.

Pool Sharkettes: This is a GIRLS ONLY group that will learn how to shoot pool like a professional. No experience needed!!

Pub Club: This club will be the hit of Austin as we hang out at a different pub each month. Cover and meal are on your own. \$6/month for members*.

Senior Cardio Combo: Low impact aerobics without any jumping and is perfect for the beginner or advanced level.

Sing-A-Long: Singing popular songs from the 20th Century. Show tunes, country & pop music. Song books provided, so join us for a good time!

Sittercize: Participants perform resistance exercises in chairs with hand weights.

Spanish for Fun: Come practice Spanish with Pilar Weiss from Spain!

Tap Dancing: For a real toe tappin' time. Tap your way to fun and fitness. Come to dance or come to learn. \$2 members*.

Tai Chi: A Chinese martial art and meditative movement class designed to increase your sense of balance, cardiovascular fitness & joint flexibility. \$3/members*.

Texas Hold'em: This is a self-led group. Free to members*.

Tejano Time: This is a self-led group that will use their own music to dance authentic Tejano.

Travel Club: This group meets every other month to discuss/suggest day and extended trips.

Wii Activities: Come give our Wii a try. You can bowl, golf, exercise and more. No experience needed, ask staff for assistance with the games.

**Non-members pay additional fees.*

Allen R. Baca Site Council

The Site Council's goal is to create and foster a positive voice for the Baca Center while promoting membership and encouraging other seniors to become more active in Baca activities.

The Site Council's next meetings are:

November 4 at 9:30 am

December 2 at 9:30 am

Site Council meetings are open to the public.



Special Events



Games Night & Auction



Our May games night was a BLAST so don't miss this one on November 13, 6-9 pm. Come try your luck at Bingo, Bunco, Texas Hold'em and Blackjack. Each ticket holder will receive 10,000 points that can be used towards purchasing chips when they play Texas Hold'em or Blackjack. At the end of those games, winners can tally up their remaining "chips" and cash in for points. Participants that play Bingo or Bunco will receive additional points when they win. All games will be played throughout the evening at 45 minute intervals beginning at 6:15 pm. Points will be used to bid on auction items. Beer and wine will be provided courtesy of Angel Craft. Tickets went on sale October 1 for \$7, after November 9 tickets will be \$10. *Bring your luck.* **Course #13849**

Thanksgiving Luncheon

WBCO and the Baca Center will give thanks at our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 24, 11:30 am-1:00 pm in the Grand Meeting Room. Rueben will make his traditional turkey with all the trimmings and the Baca staff will provide cake. Please sign-up in advance with WBCO. WBCO clients 60+ years—\$2 requested donation, all others will be \$6.



Christmas Holiday Luncheon



Join WBCO and the Baca Center as we celebrate the holiday season at our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 16, 11:30 am-1:00 pm in the Grand Meeting Room. We will have a special performance by the Baca staff and sing Christmas carols. Please sign-up in advance with WBCO so we can ensure enough food for everyone. WBCO clients 60+ years—\$2 requested donation, all others will be \$6.

A Tuna Christmas

Join the Baca Center for a special holiday treat on December 17, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Grand Meeting Room as we show the feature presentation of A Tuna Christmas by Joe Sears and Jaston Williams. They are no longer doing this performance in Austin so we thought we would bring it to you. This event is free to members and we will have popcorn and punch for movie goers to enjoy.



New Year's Eve Countdown to Noon



Join the Baca Center staff as we countdown to noon on New Year's Eve. Wear your party hat and bring your noise makers. We will have pizza and salad. You **MUST** sign-up in advance by December 29. Open to Baca members only for \$2. **Course #14176**



Organizations/Clubs



BENEFITS COUNSELING—1st Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00 am

November 4 & December 2 in the Baca Center Lobby—"The National Council on Aging" has created a comprehensive Benefits Check Up Questionnaire for Texas which will help older adults identify programs that may improve their quality of life. This is free, easy to use and will help seniors identify countless federal, state, local and private programs for which they may be eligible. Visit with Nancy Kind, Volunteer Benefits Counselor or call her at 246-8455.

GARDEN CLUB—Monday, 9:30 am

November 2—Landscaping with trees around Round Rock with Emsud Horozovic

December 7—Annual holiday garden gift exchange and party
(bring a \$5-\$10 gardening related gift to swap)

BOOK DISCUSSIONS GROUP—Tuesday, 1:00 pm

November 10—"Where I Lived & What I Lived For" from Walden by Henry David Thoreau

December 8—"Culture and Anarchy" an essay by Matthew Arnold

ART CLUB—Friday, 1:00 pm

November 6—"Jelly Bean People" by Hope Bagnall & election of 2010 officers

November 20—NO meeting

December 4—Annual Christmas Party

December 18—NO meeting

AARP CHAPTER MEETINGS—Wednesday, 1 pm

November 12—Mike Segner, Veteran of the Iraq War will present "Honoring Veterans"

December 9—Annual Holiday Potluck Lunch. Bring a covered dish to share.

"Sing along with Walter Tibbits" will follow.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Wood Carving Classes: If you are interested in learning to wood carve, please let the Baca staff know and if we get enough interest, classes will begin in the spring.

Hiking Club: Would you like to belong to a hiking club that hikes throughout central Texas? If you are interested, please let the Baca staff know so we can get a group started in the new year.



Monthly Member Birthday Party!

November 24 & December 23

NOTE: The Nov. cake will be in conjunction with the Holiday Party.



AARP Driver Safety Course

Monday, November 16, 8:30 am—12:30 pm Course #13884

The course is offered every two months and drivers get a 10% discount for 3 years on most insurance plans. Pre-register at the Baca front desk.

*Cost is \$12 for AARP members & \$14 for non-members
which is to be paid to the instructor at the class.*





Classes/Information



Financial Basics

"Is the stock market and the economy on your mind? Would you like some answers to your questions? This is not a product pushing seminar. This class is a fun and educational program going over the financial basics. It's intended for anyone who would like to increase their financial understanding. Starting with a historical perspective and building to today".

Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am

November 6-December 4—**Course #14080**

\$5/session

Computer Basics

This class will focus on computer operation, e-mail, internet and more. This is a 6-week course.

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

November 4-December 9—**Course #13837**

Free to Baca members

Square Dance Lessons

This program will begin in February and teach the basics of square dancing. They will offer an open house on January 20 and 27 from 7-9 pm. For more information, please call 512-219-9258 or check out their website at: www.glad2call.com.

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm

Grand Meeting Room

February 3– April 28

\$30/13 week session—Baca members

Fees are paid to Glad2Call

Guitar Lessons

This past spring and fall we offered beginning and intermediate classes for acoustic guitar players. We will start classes again in the early spring. Watch for updates in the January/February newsletter. If you are an existing student remember to practice, practice, practice.

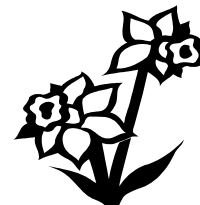
TXU Energy Workshop

To remain a leader in energy conservation, TXU Energy has developed a statewide holiday energy conservation program, *Holiday Cents*, enabling the company to continue leading the state in energy conservation, to contribute to a legacy of corporate citizenship and to grow leaderships with customers, local communities and third-party organizations. TXU is educating consumers on sensible and low-cost ways to conserve energy throughout the winter months, therefore reduce the costs of monthly electric bills. Join TXU Energy on November 5, 10:45-11:30 am as they present their Holiday Cents program. Light refreshments will be served. TXU Energy generously sponsored our Fashion Show refreshments on September 4. **Course #14116**

Baca Nut & Daffodil Bulb Sales

Beginning in November

We will have pecans, walnuts, almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans, cashews and we can even crack your pecans. Daffodil bulbs will also be available. Price list at Baca front desk.



www.bacacenter.com

Baca Cuisine Critics

620 Cafe
910 Round Rock Avenue
512-244-1009

The Cuisine Critics changed things up a bit and went to 620 Café for breakfast. Once greeted by the pleasant hostess, the critics were amazed at the large menu selections. They even have chicken fried bacon on the menu so there is no need to travel long distances for this unique cuisine. The critics gave high marks for their rustic and clean atmosphere. The staff was very accommodating, parking was ample, and the food was hot and delicious. All critics would recommend this restaurant to others. They are open Monday-Saturday, 6 am-3 pm and Sunday 7 am-3 pm. You can view their menu and specials at: <http://www.620cafeandbakery.com>. They can cater your next special gathering or just stop by their bakery for muffins, cookies, or pies and cakes by the slice. If you plan on going on the weekend there might be a small wait.

Morelia Grill
920 Palm Valley Blvd.
512-255-0511

The Cuisine Critics went to Morelia Grill for some Mexican cuisine. The restaurant got the highest marks for cleanliness, efficiency and good value for the money. All critics agreed that the food quality was great and also creative. The service was very efficient and the staff was knowledgeable about the menu. The restaurant even has a fountain that you can throw in some change and make a wish after your meal. One of our participants had the stuffed fried avocado and stated that it was absolutely wonderful. The stuffed avocado can be created with many options of meat and cheese. They are open 7 days a week, Sunday-Thursday 11 am-9 pm and Friday-Saturday 11 am-10 pm. They offer lunch specials 11 am-4 pm and a wide variety of menu choices. You can also order their hot sauce, queso, guacamole and chips to go.

Trips, Trips, Trips



If you like to see new things, museums, plays, movies, restaurants, parks, concerts, then you'll want to travel with the Baca Center.

ALL trips in the newsletter will be available for registration as follows: Nov./Dec. is Oct. 26 and Jan./Feb. is Dec. 28. Payment is due at time of registration.

Members may register one additional person per trip at time of registration. Non-member guests please add \$5 for the cost of each trip.

Times and events are subject to change. Return time is an estimated time of return, it depends on traffic, event wrap up, and any travel delays. Day trippers should check in with the bus driver for exact departure and arrival times. If a member has a medical condition and must pre-board on the bus, a doctor's note must be on file with the staff. **ALL participants MUST have an**

emergency medical form on file prior to each trip. Parking for an extended or overnight trip is on the lower level of the parking garage.

Participants in wheelchairs that are unable to use the restroom or participate on their own will need to bring along a companion and all fees apply. You will also need to tell the Baca staff when you register so proper arrangements can be made for use of the lift.

If you have a trip suggestion, please stop by the front desk and let us know.

Trips, Trips, and more Trips!

OYO = On Your Own Please Check in with the driver before each trip. Payment is required at time of sign up.

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of a cancellation, a CREDIT for the amount of the trip will be added to your account **ONLY** IF:

1) The Allen R. Baca Center cancels the trip.

2) A substitution has been made from the waiting list to fill your spot.

A) If no substitution can be made and the request is made 14 calendar days or less from the start date of the trip, all fees are forfeited.

B) If no substitution can be made and the request is made 15 calendar days or more from the start date of the trip, a credit for the amount of the trip will be applied to your account or you will be assessed a \$25 processing fee for a refund.

A \$25 processing will be applied for cancellations of Baca transportation provided overnight trips.

Trips sponsored by outside travel companies will be subject to policies of the travel company.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is a great way to sign up for trips without the hassle of waiting in line!

Visit www.roundrockrecreation.com for online sign up.

ALL REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TRIPS WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 26, 2009 AT 8:00 AM

**Times and events are subject to change. Return time is an estimated time of return,
it depends on traffic, event wrap up, and any travel delays.**

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Depart: 10:00 am

Return: 3:00 pm

Cost: \$6 (Meal OYO)

MOODY HOME MUSEUM AND TEXAN CAFE

We will get a private tour of Governor Dan Moody's family home.

He was the first person to convict a member of the Ku Klux Klan in 1923. Lunch will be at the Texan Café.

www.moodymuseum.com, www.texancafe.net Course #14156

Saturday, Nov. 7

Depart: 11:00 am

Return: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$15 (Meal OYO)

(Ticket included)

CELTIC FESTIVAL IN AUSTIN

This is a huge festival located on the shores of Lady Bird Lake.

There will be lots of entertainment including celtic dancing, pipes, drums, highland games and yes sheep herding. Tickets **MUST** be purchased by November 5 so sign up by November 3.

www.austincelts.org/festival

Course #14157

Monday, Nov. 9

Depart: 8:00 am

Return: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$18 (Meal OYO)

DIXIE FLAG CO. & EDWARD STEVES HOMESTEAD

Have you ever wanted to see the American flag being made and how they do it? Join us for a tour of the Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co. that was founded in 1958. We will eat lunch and then get a tour of Edward Steves Homestead which was built in 1876. He was the founder of Steves Lumber Co. and the home has been a historical marker since 1954.

www.dixieflag.com

www.saconservation.org/tours/steves

Course #14158

Trips, Trips, and more Trips!

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Depart: 9:00 am

Return: 2:00 pm

Cost: \$8 (Meal OYO)

DOWN HOME RANCH IN ELGIN

Join us for a special tour of the Down Home Ranch and their beautiful poinsettias. We will allow everyone to bring back 1-2 of their own poinsettias on the bus so don't miss out. You can also pre-order and then pick them up when we go on the trip.

www.downhomeranch.org

Course #14159

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Meet: 11:00 am

Depart: 1:00 pm

Cost: FREE (Meal OYO)

CUISINE CRITICS GO TO ROUND ROCK CAFE

Join the Cuisine Critics at the new Round Rock Café across from the center. They have gourmet soups and sandwiches. We will meet at the restaurant but call the center in advance so we can make reservations for the correct number of people. **Course #13716**

Thursday, Nov. 19

Depart: 10:00 am

Return: 3:00 pm

Cost: \$7 (Meal OYO)

RADIO CITY MUSIC SHOW AT ONE WORLD THEATRE

Join us for a special performance of Radio City Music Show courtesy of Austin Community College. We will attend the show and then eat lunch at Springhill Restaurant.

<http://www.oneworldtheatre.org>

Course #14175

Friday, Nov. 20

Depart: 6:30 pm

Return: 11:00 pm

Cost: \$6 (Cover OYO)

PUB CLUB GOES TO DESSAU DANCEHALL

Join us at the new Dessau Dancehall that was originally established in 1876. It re-opened this year with live music and dance lessons from 7-8 pm. Cover \$5.

www.newdessauhall.com

Course #14103

Saturday, Nov. 21

Depart: 9:00 am

Return: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$12 (Meal OYO)

GRUENE MARKET DAYS

The market days appeal is that all the products sold are made by the vendors. This will be a great opportunity for holiday shopping. If you want to see live music you can even walk to Gruene Hall for free live music from 11 am-2 pm.

www.gruenemarketdays.com

Course #14160

Monday, Nov. 23

Depart: 9:00 am

Return: 3:00 pm

Cost: \$6 (Meal OYO)

MASQUERADE BALL SHOPPING & LUNCH

If you are still in need of getting your costume for the masquerade ball we are going to several consignment stores that both men and women can find clothes for the ball. We will stop and eat lunch at a restaurant of the group's choice. **Course #14161**

Thursday, Dec. 3

Depart: 10:00 am

Return: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$9 (Meal OYO)

SHOPPING & LUNCH IN SALADO

Salado is a great place to shop for all of your holiday gifts. They have plenty of antique stores, home décor, jewelry, clothing, collectibles, and more. We will stop and eat lunch at Adelea's Bistro on Main Street in Salado for a fine dining experience.

www.adeleas.com/index2.html

Course #14177

Trips, Trips, and more Trips!

Sunday, Dec. 6
Depart: 11:00 am
Return: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$37 (Meal OYO)
(Ticket included)

ROCKBOX THEATRE IN FREDERICKSBURG
Come join us for laughter, songs and entertainment at Texas' #1 rated destination by Tripadvisor.com. This show will be a special Christmas Show with all of your favorite stars like Elvis, The Beatles, Johnny Cash and Christmas carols. We will watch the concert and then eat in Fredericksburg.
www.rockboxtheater.com **Course #14162**

Tuesday, Dec. 8
Depart: 3:00 pm
Return: 9:00 pm
Cost: \$8 (Meal OYO)

HILL COUNTRY LIGHTS TOUR & BLUEBONNET CAFE
We will stroll through the hill country early, eat at the Bluebonnet and then drive through several towns to see their holiday lights. Bluebonnet Café DOES NOT accept credit cards so bring your cash. Tour will include Marble Falls, Johnson City, and more.
www.hoodmwr.com/nature_in_lights.htm **Course #14163**

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Depart: 10:30 am
Return: 2:30 pm
Cost: \$6 (Meal OYO)

OASIS RESTAURANT
The Oasis has delicious meals and a fabulous view. They will also have each room decorated for the holidays. We will get a special tour of each room so we are sure to see all the decorations.
www.oasis-austin.com **Course #14164**

Thursday, Dec. 10
Depart: 5:00 pm
Return: 10:00 pm
Cost: \$8

NATURE IN LIGHTS IN BELTON
Over 5 miles of holiday-inspired scenes. We will provide hot chocolate and cookies for the ride. Riders can bring their blankets in case it is cold on the bus. This is just a drive through park there is no walking involved.
www.hoodmwr.com/nature_in_lights.htm **Course #14165**

Friday, Dec. 12
6:30-9:30 pm
FREE

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT—DOWNTOWN ROUND ROCK
This is NOT a trip but we would like to invite you to participate. Gather the grandkids and come down to Main St. for some real old-fashioned holiday cheer. Visit Santa & see performances.

Sunday, Dec. 13
Depart: 2:00 pm
Return: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$17 (Ticket inc.)

WAY OFF BROADWAY—A CHRISTMAS CAROL
These ladies will have you laughing hysterically as they portray a dizzy array of characters from the Dickenson favorite.
<http://wobcp.org> **Course #14166**

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Depart: 3:30 pm
Return: 8:30 pm
Cost: \$11 (Meal OYO)

EMILY ANN TRAIL OF LIGHTS IN WIMBERLEY
We did this trail last year and it was such a delight. They have roasted hot dogs, hot chocolate and a bon fire. If you can't walk the trail they will even provide a golf cart ride. All of the scenes are created by the local community groups and businesses.
www.emilyann.org/trailoflights.htm **Course #14167**

CRUISE WITH BACA IN 2010

5 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, April 12-17, 2010 on Carnival Ecstasy from Galveston—The Baca Center will provide travel to Galveston on April 12 for \$50/person to and from the ship (min. of 12 people). The cruise will port at Progreso and Cozumel Mexico during the cruise and then return to Galveston on April 17. An ocean-view stateroom is \$512.92/person and a non-ocean view is \$477.92/person both based on double occupancy. Travel insurance is \$65/person. The deposit of \$225/person and final payment is February 1, 2010 by credit card only. Call Sally Fisher at 255-6690 or e-mail at sallyfisher13@gmail.com.

12 Day Honolulu to Ensenada Cruise, September 26-October 8, 2010 on Carnival Spirit—Carnival will provide a motor coach for a 2 hour ride from Ensenada, Mexico to San Diego Airport. Flights should not be planned until after 12 pm. The cruise will go to Honolulu, Kauai, Kona, Hilo, Maui and back to Ensenada. The 1st deposit of \$200/person is due when booking, 2nd deposit is \$250 due by April 29 by credit card only and final payment by July 1, 2010. A balcony stateroom is \$1590.61 and a non-ocean view is \$1070.61 both based on double occupancy. Cost of airfare is not available at this time but is estimated at \$850. Make your reservations now to secure your room.

“SURVEY SAYS”

On Sept. 1st, an e-mail survey was sent to Baca members with e-mails listed on their accounts. The survey rated how we are doing in many areas regarding the facility, staff and programs. By Sept. 22nd, we had 96 respondents. We are ecstatic to report that your overall satisfaction rated high. Every comment was read and reviewed and where viable, we will try to put your ideas into action. More specifically, we would like to address some of your comments.

Regarding the membership, resident vs. non-resident and walk-in fees at the center. Our fees are set by the City Council and not the Baca staff. The fees are reviewed on a regular basis. They are determined by a fair assessment of services provided and those served. By eliminating the walk-in fees, we are not being fair to those that do support the center by membership. Fees are very minimal and reasonable and do help us to continue to provide the quality of service that you deserve and expect.

Programming suggestions were reviewed and where budgetary constraints and feasibility allow, we will implement your ideas. Keep watch in upcoming newsletters for new programs and start dates and please understand that it is up to you to make your ideas a success.

Some suggestions are beyond our control and this is in regard to the diversity of the population, certain cliques, personal behaviors, etc... Our suggestion is that you tell your friends about us, encourage membership, mingle with as many groups as your time and interest allows and remember that Baca is a place where everyone should feel welcome. There are a lot of us that share this space and the better we get along with others, the more positive the experience for everyone. We thank you for your comments and especially your glowing ones. We encourage you to keep participating in our surveys. If you did not receive one via e-mail, please pick one up at the front desk.



COURTESY REMINDERS

1. Drive slow in the parking garage and watch for others crossing in your path.
2. Watch your speed if you are on a scooter or motorized wheelchair.
3. Sanitize any equipment you use in the weight room.
4. Throw your trash away in a trash can.
5. Wipe up spills or notify staff.
6. Wash your hands often and sneeze or cough into your sleeve/tissue.

7. Neither the City of Round Rock nor the Allen R. Baca Center endorses any company, business or individual that conducts or leads discussions, classes or seminars at this facility. Such sessions are for informational purposes only and attendance and/or participation is optional.



HOLIDAY UPDATES AND CLOSURES

There will be NO Cuisine Critics & NO Pub Club in December

There will be NO programs or classes December 28-January 2

WBCO will NOT serve lunch December 24-January 1

November 26-29 for Thanksgiving, December 24-27 for Christmas & January 1 for New Years.

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Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-6:30pm
Friday 8:00am-4:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm

**Activities & weight room
end 15 minutes before closing.**

WBCO Lunch Reservation Phone:
512.255.4970

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www.bacacenter.com

Baca Center Holidays:

November 11 & 26-29

December 24-27

The staff wishes each of you a very happy
and safe holiday season!

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